

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Estremsky for the indication that Claims 4, 5, 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in Claims 1-3 and Claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in Claims 6-8. Also, the dependency of Claim 11 has been changed to depend from allowable Claim 9. Further, Claims 1-3, 6-8, 24 and 25, as well as Claims 16-23 directed to the non-elected invention have been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claim remaining in this application are allowable.

It is believed that the amendments discussed above negate the rejection of Claim 6 based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, withdrawal of that claim rejection is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful

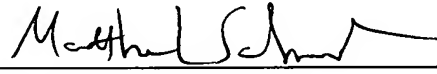
in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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